

REMARKS

The Office Action of September 09, 2004 has been carefully considered and in response thereto, claim 19 has been amended and new claims 33 to 39 are added to cover another aspect of the invention.

First, the Applicant has noted with appreciation that claims 1 to 17 are considered to be allowable by the Examiner.

In response to the rejection of claims 18 to 32 under 35 USC 112, 2nd paragraph, two typographical errors introduced in claim 19 have been corrected.

More specifically, "step c)", line 1 of claim 19 has been corrected to read --step d)--, and "step b)", line 2 of that claim, has been corrected to read --step c)--.

A similar correction has been made to paragraphs 00043, 00046 and 00049 of the description.

As described for example in example 3 of the description, and figure 12, the pre-compaction is performed before the step d) of increasing the density of the metal shell with powder by applying pressure. As such, no new matter is added with this amendment.

Claims 33 to 39 are added to better cover another aspect of the invention.

Amendments to the Drawings:

No amendments are made to the drawings herein.

In view of these, the application is believed to be immediate condition for allowance and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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